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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicant herewith calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Canadian Office Action mailed on August 12, 2002 with respect to related Canadian Patent Application No. 2,281,022 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

(1) Canadian Patent No. 2,216,419, which was published on October 16, 1997.

Applicant notes that this document is incorrectly listed in the Canadian Office Action as CA 2,216,149; and

(2) PCT Application No. WO 98/58335, which was published on December 23, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on December 7, 2000, and thus, a

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copy of the same is not attached hereto.

Applicant notes that the relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the various claims of the Canadian application, as well as the relevant passages of these documents, is as discussed in the Canadian Office Action, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Applicants also call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

(3) U.S. Patent No. 6,208,426 to SAITO et al., which issued on March 27, 2001.

Applicant notes that this document corresponds to the above-mentioned CA 2,216,419.

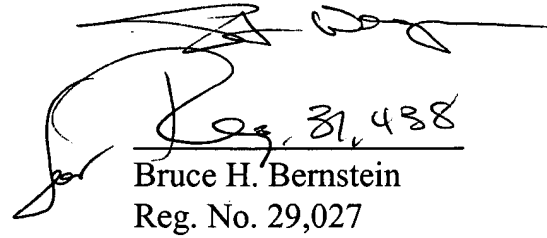
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above-mentioned documents. Copies of documents (1) and (3) are attached hereto and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
at the below-listed number.

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